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SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE OF CONSULAR FUNCTIONS IN THE PRC

REF: A) PEKING 2643, B) PEKING 2640, C) STATE 209838,
D) PEKING 2577 AND E) PEKING 2529

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS ERROR IN PARA 3 REF C, AS NOTED BY USLO IN REFTELS A AND B. AS USLO CORRECTLY STATES IN PARA 3 REFTEL A, AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN US AND PRC IN 1973 PROVIDES FOR DESIGNATED OFFICERS OF THE RESPECTIVE LIAISON OFFICES TO APPLY TO THE MFA (OR DEPARTMENT) FOR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL IN CONJUNCTION WITH PERFORMING CONVENTIONAL CONSULAR SERVICES. REFTEL C SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS REINTERPRETED THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT. USLO SHOULD CONTINUE TO PERFORM
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CONSULAR SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT AGREEMENT.

2. WE SHARE USLO'S VIEW THAT THE US SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS TO BRING PERFORMANCE OF CONSULAR FUNCTIONS IN THE PRC INTO CONFORMANCE WITH CONVENTIONAL PRACTICES. IN THIS REGARD, WE COMMEND THE RECENT, THOUGHTFUL PROPOSALS BY USLO IN SUCH AREAS AS COURIER VISAS AND VISA INTERVIEWS.

WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE AND RELATED MATTERS IN DETAIL WITH FSO TKACIK DURING HIS TRIP TO THE US. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS, THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO COSPONSOR WITH INS A ONE TO TWO DAY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF CONSULAR MATTERS RELATED TO THE PRC. INS FIELD REPS WILL ATTEND. DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT MR. TKACIK CAN ALSO ATTEND AND WILL ADVISE HIM OF CONFERENCE DATES AND AGENDA WHEN AVAILABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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